

Q3 CUSTOMIZABLE KEYBOARD USER MANUAL



Q3 Knob Version Keymap JSON file:

https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0059/0630/1017/files/q3\_us\_knob\_ver1.02.json.zip?v=164579 5763

VIA Software for macOS:

https://github.com/the-via/releases/releases/download/v1.3.1/via-1.3.1-mac.dmg

VIA Software for Windows:

https://github.com/the-via/releases/releases/download/v1.3.1/via-1.3.1-win.exe

VIA Software for Linux:

 $\underline{https://github.com/the-via/releases/releases/download/v1.3.1/via-1.3.1-linux.deb}$ 

How to Use VIA on Your Keychron Q Series Keyboard:

 $\underline{https://www.keychron.com/blogs/archived/how-to-use-via-to-program-your-keyboard}$ 

# **Fully Assembled Version**

#### Keyboard

1x Fully Assembled Keyboard

#### Including

1x Aluminum Case

1x PCB

1x Steel Plate

1x Sound Absorbing Foam

1x Case Foam

16x Gaskets (10 Installed and 6 in the Box)

5 Sets x Stabilizers

1 Set x Keycaps (PBT Double-shot)

1 Set x Switches (Gateron G Pro)

#### Cable

1x Type-C to Type-C Cable

1x Type-A to Type-C Adapter

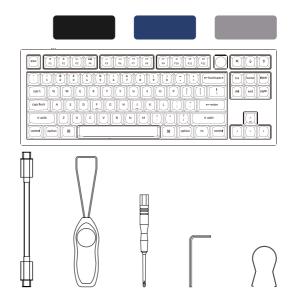
#### Tools

1x Switch Puller

1x Keycap Puller

1x Screwdriver

1x Hex Key



## **Barebone Version**

#### Keyboard Kit

1x Keyboard Kit (Without Keycaps & Switches) **Including** 

- 1x Aluminum Case
- 1x PCB
- 1x Steel Plate
- 1x Sound Absorbing Foam
- 1x Case Foam
- 16x Gaskets (10 Installed and 6 in the Box)
- 5 Sets x Stabilizers

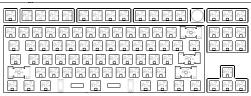
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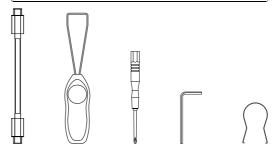
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#### Tools

- 1x Switch Puller
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- 1x Screwdriver
- 1x Hex Key



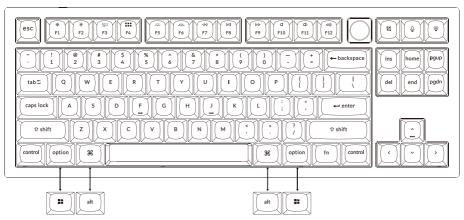




## **QUICK START GUIDE**

If you are a Windows user, please find the appropriate keycaps in the box, then follow the instructions below to find and replace the following keycaps.

#### Mac / Windows



# 1 Switch To The Right System

Please make sure the system toggle on the top left corner has been switched to the same system as your computer's operating system.



# 2 The VIA Key Remapping Software

Please visit <u>caniusevia.com</u> to download the latest VIA software to remap the keys. If the VIA software cannot recognize your keyboard, please reach out to our support to get the instruction.



#### 3 The Layers

There are four layers of key settings on the keyboard. The layer 0 and layer 1 are for the Mac system. The layer 2 and layer 3 are for the Windows system.

If your system toggle is switched to Mac, then the layer 0 will be activated.

If your system toggle is switched to Windows, then the layer 2 will be activated. Remember that if you are using it in Windows mode, please make changes to the layer 2 instead of the top layer ( the layer 0 ).

This is a common mistake people are making.





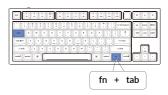


## 4 The Backlight

Press fn + Q to change the lighting effect



Press fn + tab to turn the backlight on/off.

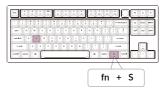


# **5** Adjust The Backlight Brightness

fn + W to increase the backlight brightness



fn + S to decrease the backlight brightness



# 6 Adjust The Backlight Speed

Press fn + T to increase the light effect speed



Press fn + G to decrease the light effect speed



#### 7 Activate Siri / Cortana

For Siri on Mac: Go to System preferences> Siri > select "Hold Command Space" option.

\*Siri key only works on macOS and does not work on iOS.



For Cortana on Windows: Select Start > Settings > Cortana and select the shortcut by pressing Windows key + C key.

"Windows Cortana is only available for Windows 10 and above 05. Cortana is only available in certain courties? regions and might not work everywhere.



# **8** Warranty

The keyboard is highly customizable and easy to be rebuilt. If anything goes wrong with any of the keyboard components of keyboard during the warranty period, we will only replace the defective parts of the keyboard, not the whole keyboard.



# **9** Watch The Building Tutorial On Our Website

If you are building the keyboard for the first time, we highly recommend you watch the building tutorial video on our website first, then start building the keyboard yourself.



# 10 Factory Reset



Troubleshooting? Don't know what's going on with the keyboard?

- 1 Try factory reset by pressing fn +J +Z (for 4 seconds)
- Download the right firmware for your keyboard from our website. Remove the power cable from the keyboard.
- 3 Remove the space bar keycap to find the reset button on the PCB.
- 4 Hold the reset key while plugging in the power cable and then release the reset key. The keyboard now will enter DFU mode.
- $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{G}}$  Flash the firmware with the QMK Toolbox.
- 6 Factory reset the keyboard again by pressing fn + J + Z (for 4 seconds)
- \* Step by step guide can be found on our website

# Q3 CUSTOMIZABLE KEYBOARD SPECIFICATIONS

Specifications			
Layout	TKL		
Switch type	Mechanical		
Width	137 mm		
Length	365 mm		
Front height	20 mm (without keycaps)		
Back height	32 mm (without keycaps)		
Front height	30.7 mm (with OSA keycaps installed)		
Back height	42 mm (with OSA keycaps installed)		
Keyboard feet height	2.7 mm		
Angle	5.2 degree		

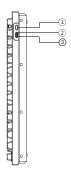
## Q3 MECHANICAL KEYBOARD OVERVIEW

Mac



#### Windows





- ① Type-C Port
- ② Mac Layout
- ③ Windows Layout

## **DEFAULT KEY LAYOUT:**

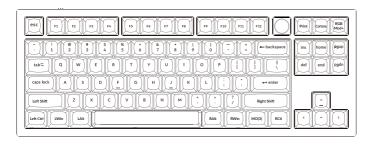
LAYER 0: This layer will be activated when your keyboard's system toggle is switched to Mac.



LAYER 1: This layer will be activated when your keyboard's system toggle is switched to Mac and press the fn/MO(1) key.



LAYER 2: This layer will be activated when your keyboard's system toggle is switched to Windows.



LWin = Left Windows LAIt = Left Alt RAIt = Right Alt RWin=Right Windows

LAYER 3: This layer will be activated when your keyboard's system toggle is switched to Windows and press the fn/MO(3) key .



## **KEY DESCRIPTION**

Key Description		Key Description	
Scr-	Screen Brightness Decrease	RGBMd+	RGB Mode Next
Scr+	Screen Brightness Increase	RGBMd-	RGB Mode Previous
Bright-	Backlight Decrease	Hue+	Hue Increase
Bright+	Backlight Increase	Hue-	Hue Decrease
Prvs	Previous	RGB SPI	RGB Speed Increase
Play	Play/Pause	RGB SPD	RGB Speed Decrease
Next	Next	MO(1)	Layer 1 will be activated when holding this key
Mute	Mute	MO(2)	Layer 2 will be activated when holding this key
Vol-	Volume Decrease	MO(3)	Layer 3 will be activated when holding this key
Vol+	Volume Increase	MO(4)	Layer 4 will be activated when holding this key
RGB Toggle	Turn Backlight on/off		

#### Third party input tools are not compatible with the keyboard.

Due to compatibility, versions, brands and drivers of Windows/macOS, functionalities of third Party input tools may be affected while using the keyboard. Please make sure your operating system and drivers are up to date.

#### Certain fn keys or multimedia keys does not work under Windows/Android mode.

Functionalities of certain multimedia keys may be disabled due to compatibility, versions, brands and drivers of Windows/Android OS.

#### **Safety Precaution:**

Keep the product, accessories and packaging parts out of reach of children to prevent any accidents and choking hazards.

Always keep the product dry to avoid corrosion.

Do not expose the product to extreme temperatures below -10°C (5°F) or above 50°C (131°F) to preserve the lifespan of the keyboard.

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